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**BY THE WAY****L.B.J. 'Bundyizes'  
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Ever since John F. Kennedy decided in 1961 that the White House was his own personal domain and barred reporters from all but the front executive entrance, dignitaries have come and gone, sight-unseen, and the sole source of information about their activities has been Pierre Salinger. In the course of his briefings he may say "the President this morning had a conference with his advisers concerning Cuba." Asked to identify the advisers he will, if he feels it advisable, start to reel off the names "Mr. McNamara, Mr. Rusk, Mr. Bundy—" and, at this point, particularly in recent months, he is always interrupted by some reporter asking "which Mr. Bundy, Pierre?" This is a question which now, more than ever, is going to be asked for, as the local jokesters have it, "Johnson has Bundyized foreign affairs." Source of this problem lies in the fact that there are two Bundy brothers, who are now in key positions—in fact, the best position to be in—just below the top where you can make your presence felt without actually having to take full responsibility. These two are McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President, and William P. Bundy, key man in the Southeast Asia problem as assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs. McGeorge, the younger of the two, is a brilliant Yale graduate who became dean of the faculty of arts and sciences at Harvard at the age of 34. President Kennedy brought him in and made him his major personal adviser on intelligence and world affairs and he was the man first sought by President Johnson—when an assassin's gun put him in the White House—to bring him down to date on the situation. He is highly regarded.

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**Bill Comes Up the Hard Way**

William P. Bundy has worked his way to high position gradually. About a dozen years ago he left the high-powered law firm of Covington and Burling to join the Central Intelligence Agency and he was, in addition, staff director of President Eisenhower's Commission on National Goals. He moved over into the Defense Department in an important but unpublicized position more or less bossing the expenditure of about a billion bucks a year in foreign military aid. Obviously, with the trouble in Laos and Vietnam

and Red China's penetration of India's northern border, he has had a lot of interest in that area of the world. He didn't really come into prominence until last October when Navy Secretary Fred Korth got into a bad jam and President Kennedy replaced him with Paul Nitze, until then in charge of international security affairs in the Defense Department. Bundy was moved up into the position that had been held by Nitze. Now he has become President Johnson's choice to run the State Department's end of the knotty Vietnam show.

**Family With a Service Record**

The Bundy boys have plenty of background. Their father, Harvey H. Bundy, had a distinguished government career, among other things being special assistant to Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson. Bill Bundy's connection with the State Department is close—he married the daughter of former Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Both Bundys went to Yale and then took post graduate work at Harvard. Bill is taller than McGeorge, well over 6 ft., and is reputed to be a thoroughly relaxed individual who thinks nothing of sprawling on a sofa in his office while pondering the day's problems. Bill is a Democrat, McGeorge a Republican. They're in a position to keep the Bundy fingers on just about all of the many troublesome foreign affairs problems faced by the Johnson administration.

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